



## Working For Our Military Families and Veterans

Dear Fellow Arkansan,

My father and both grandfathers served in uniform and taught me from an early age about the sacrifices our troops and their families make to protect our nation. While it's important we honor our servicemen and women with our words, it's even more critical that we provide them the benefits their sacrifice has earned and certainly deserves. That's why I have cosponsored bipartisan legislation that would eliminate a law that unfairly reduces the amount of Department of Defense life insurance benefits offered to survivors whose spouses died of service-related causes.

The [legislation](#) would end the long-standing practice of offsetting survivor benefits paid by the Defense Department by the dollar amount of similar benefits provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) in cases where an individual qualifies for both.

Fixing this inequity and providing more appropriate benefits to survivors is one way to show our gratitude for our veterans' bravery and sacrifice.

In addition, last Congress and again this month, I helped introduce [bipartisan legislation](#) to improve health care for women veterans. The *Women Veterans Health Improvement Act* seeks to prepare the VA for the unprecedented influx of female veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan who will need care.

By making these improvements, we will ensure that our women in the military—and all our veterans—return home to a high quality health care system that they certainly deserve and have earned.

With Arkansas pride,

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Lincoln recently met in her Washington office with members of the Golden Triangle Economic Development Council of Calhoun, Columbia, Ouachita, and Union Counties. (L to R) Robbye Taylor, Norm MacNeill, Dr. David Rankin, Dr. Corbet Lamkin, Lincoln, Cammie Hambrice, Dr. Lynn Persyn, and Deborah Lewis.



Lincoln recently met with Jonesboro residents Julia Robinson and Jimmy Turner of Home IV Specialists, who were in Washington to attend a meeting of the National Home Infusion Association.

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